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Air Resources Board

Alan C. Lloyd, Ph.D. Chairman



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March 18, 2004

Dear Sir or Madam:

The staff of the Air Resources Board (ARB) will hold the first meeting of the biodiesel workgroup to discuss biodiesel fuel issues related to air pollution. The establishment of the biodiesel workgroup is in response to recommendations made at our February 25, 2004, Public Consultation Meeting regarding fuels issues.

Discussion topics may include, but are not limited to the need to establish California biodiesel fuel specifications, the need to conduct a multi-media, assessment, and the status of the interim verification of biodiesel. For more information regarding the biodiesel workgroup, you may want to visit the Alternative Diesel Program web page at http://www.arb.ca.gov/fuels/diesel/altdiesel/altdiesel/htm.

The time and place of the public workgroup meeting are shown below:

Date: April 12, 2004

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Location: California Environmental Protection Agency

1001 I St., 2nd Floor

Central Valley Auditorium Sacramento, California 95814

The meeting place is accessible to person with disabilities. If accommodation is needed, please call Mr. Valentine Montoya at (916) 327-1493 by March 29, 2004. Persons with hearing or speech impairments can contact us by using our Telephone Device for the DEAF (TDD) at (916) 324-9531, or (800) 700-8326 for TDD calls from outside the Sacramento area.

For your information, this workshop will be web-cast. You may access the web-cast at ARB's homepage, http://www.arb.ca.gov. To participate by teleconference, dial (888) 396-9924 and give the participant code: bio-diesel, and leader name: Sue Wyman.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Website: http://www.arb.ca.gov.

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If you have questions about the meeting, please call Mr. Gary M. Yee, Manager, Industrial Section, at (916) 327-5986.

Sincerely,

Dean C. Simeroth, Chief Criteria Pollutants Branch

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Gary M. Yee, Manager

Industrial Section

Draft Agenda

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Biodiesel Workgroup Meeting

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> April 12, 2004 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

- 1. Introductions
- 2. Objective

Recommendations on the need to develop biodiesel specifications to ensure that California biodiesel provides satisfactory diesel engine durability and performance while protecting public health and the environment

- 3. Discussion Topics
 - Review Existing/Proposed Fuel Specifications
 - ASTM D-6751
 - Additives
 - Division of Measurement Standards
 - AB 2899
 - Review Existing Data Regarding Multimedia Assessment
 - Air
 - Water
 - Soil
 - Hazardous waste
- 4. Interim Verification of Biodiesel (status)
- 5. Process and Schedule